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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced several welfare schemes for the defence personnel including health and housing for their families and educational schemes for their children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the promotional avenues in Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): There are several welfare schemes for defence personnel. The health care to defence personnel and their families is provided through Military Hospitals while the defence pensioners and their dependents are covered by Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS). Married Accommodation Project (MAP) is a scheme for construction of houses for the armed forces. Army, Navy and Air Force schools have been established for the education of wards of defence personnel. Other welfare measures for them include Group Insurance and CSD facility.

(c) Promotions in the armed forces are done on the basis of eligibility criteria as laid down for the respective services.